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Application No.: 10/663,490) Group Art Unit: 3644
Filed: September 15, 2003) Examiner: John W. Eldred
For: FIREARM CYLINDER INDEXING, MECHANISM))

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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01 FC:1201 mailed 76-02 \$\frac{1}{2}\$, 2004 for above-identified application. Please amend the application and consider the remarks as indicated on the pages which follow. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The five month due date for filing this request was Sunday, November 7, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed today, November 8, 2004 by the five month date. The fee for a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in conjunction with filing this response is estimated to be \$430.00. Please charge this fee, and other fee(s) that may be required, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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the pawl is not engaged with the ratchet when the hammer is uncocked, to a second position in which the pawl engages the ratchet when the hammer is cocked." Claim 35 further recites "an indexing member biased into engagement with the ratchet and stopping rotation of the cylinder in a first direction when the hammer is uncocked to selectively locate each of the chambers in alignment with the loading gate cutout in the frame for loading or unloading cartridges, the indexing member allowing free rotation of the cylinder in a second direction when the hammer is uncocked." Support for these limitations may be found in Applicant's original disclosure at least in paragraphs 49-51. No new matter has been added. None of the references of record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a revolver having such a mechanism as recited in new claim 35, which is believed to be allowable.

In addition to the pawl required in claim 35 as discussed above, new claim 36 further recites "a means for indexing the cylinder in a second direction with the hammer in the forward position engaged with the frame to align a chamber in a loading position with the loading gate cutout in the frame." Support for this limitation may be found in Applicant's original disclosure at least in paragraphs 49-51. No new matter has been added. None of the references of record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a revolver having such a means. Accordingly, new claim 36 is believed to be allowable.

In light of the foregoing remarks and claim amendments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and submits that the pending claims 1-9 and 11-36 are in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 212-309-6375 if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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